

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 5/16/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20 and 22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 5/16/06 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-20 and 22 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The best prior art of record, Jindrick et al. (US 4,964,017), Rumney (US 6,661,677 B1), Kato et al. (US 6,151,206), and Adams et al. (US 6,697,262), taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or fairly suggest: an apparatus for supporting and mounting at least one module on a surface, said apparatus comprising at least: a housing attachable to a portion of the surface, said housing having a channel therein sized to receive and support at least a portion of at least one module therein, and the channel being covered by a cover panel sized to the channel on a side opposite the portion of the surface, and at least

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one mounting member on said housing for attaching said housing to the surface, wherein a slot extends between the cover panel and the portion of the surface that is capable of receiving the at least one module by moving the at least one module into the slot in a direction parallel to the cover panel and that is sized to guide the at least one module into the slot and the channel, the at least one module being retained between the surface and the cover panel in at least partial contact with the surface as claimed in claims 1 and 17; a housing for supporting and mounting at least one module, said housing comprising at least: a first panel member, a second panel member connected to said first panel member, a third panel member connected to said second panel member opposite said first panel member, wherein a slot is formed between said first and third panel members capable of receiving the at least one module, and the slot is capable of receiving the at least one module by moving the at least one module into the slot in a direction toward the second panel member, a cover panel member attached to the first, second and third panel members such that the cover panel member is sized and covers a side of the slot, and at least one mounting member capable of mounting said housing to a surface, wherein at least one of the first and third panel members includes the at least one mounting member, and the surface and cover panel member are opposite each other and retain the at least one module therebetween in at least partial contact with the surface as set forth in claim 7; and a method of mounting at least one module on an cabinet, comprising at least: forming an open ended channel on a portion of the cabinet, the open ended channel being covered by a cover panel sized to the channel on a side opposite the portion of the cabinet, inserting at least a portion of

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the at least one module into the open ended channel by moving the at least one module into the open ended channel between the cover panel and the portion of the cabinet in a direction parallel to the portion of the cabinet, the cover channel and the portion of the cabinet operating to guide the at least one module into the open ended channel, wherein the at east one module is retained between the portion of the cabinet and the cover panel in at least partial contact with the portion of the cabinet as set forth in claim 18. Claims 2-6, 8-16, and 19-20 and 22 are dependent claims from claims 1, 7, and 18, respectively.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Correspondence

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yean-Hsi Chang whose telephone number is (571) 272-2038. The examiner can normally be reached on 07:30 - 16:00, Monday through Thursday.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Art Unit phone number is (571) 272-2800, ext. 35. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-8558.

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